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1. ON 17 DEC, THE SENATE PASSED THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1971

~~AND APPROVED A RELATED SENATE/HOUSE CONFERENCE REPORT WHICH ELIMINATED~~ ^{and} ~~24055~~

THE RMT PARA ONE PROVISION THAT WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED THE USE OF U.S. FUNDS

(APPROPRIATED UNDER ANY PROVISION OF LAW) TO FINANCE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

MILITARY OPERATIONS BY FOREIGN (INCLUDING THAI) FORCES IN LAOS, ^{the} ~~ROBERT T. TAFT~~
~~expressed approval. The provision now significantly~~ ^{the} AUTHORIZATION ~~shall~~
~~OR BANGLA~~. THE HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO PASS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ~~ACT WITH IT~~

ON ~~SERBIA~~. THE HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO PASS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WITH ^{IN}
RECONVENES IN MID JANUARY. ~~RUSKOVIC~~ AID ~~FUNDING~~ ^A ~~has been~~

2. THE ~~XXXX~~ ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE ELIMINATION OF THIS PROVISION ONE

OF ~~THE~~ THREE MUSTS AMONG ~~THE~~ TWENTY SIX ADMINISTRATION OBJECTIONS THAT WERE REGISTERED WITH THE CONFERENCE IN PREPARATION FOR CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION

DEFINITION OF TERMS: X=SHORTER VERSION(S) OF THE ASSISTANCE EVALUATION; Y=

OF THE SENATE VERSION(S) THAT WERE DESCRIBED IN REF.

Both (INCLUDING SYMINGTON, ^{ceiling} AMENDMENT)

3. THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL, HAS BEEN APPROVED

~~BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT~~ APPROPRIATIONS BILL (WHICH
CONTAINS THE MASF FUNDS FOR SUPPORT TO LAOS) *have been approved by the President,*
~~IS PENDING IN CONGRESS.~~

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In view of the enormity of the true Defense bills

~~4. SINCE THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL~~
~~AND THE ACTION ON FOREIGN ASSETS ACT CONFERENCE REPORT~~
~~IS NOW LAW AND THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED ELIMINATION OF THE PROVISION AGAINST~~
~~USING DEFENSE PROCUREMENT OR OTHER FUNDS TO FINANCE THAT FORCES IN LAOS.~~

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